

From "The Greeley News."

A SYNDICATE has been formed within the past few days, composed of all the loan companies of this country and England. This syndicate has placed its capital stock at \$10,000,000. The purpose of this combine of millionaire mortgage companies, according to the Topeka Capital, is to get up some plan to induce immigration to Kansas, so that they can sell the many farms they have acquired by foreclosure of mortgages. The Capital tries to make it appear that these lands are nearly all in western Kansas, and have been taken from land speculators. It speaks of the recent boom in Kansas, and says that boom greatly inflated the values of western lands; that the speculators abandoned the lands, and the mortgage companies had to form a combination in order to protect themselves, etc., etc. The Capital also says the syndicate is preparing to sow a large portion of the land to wheat. Now, much of this matter in the Capital is misleading. It is true that a syndicate has been formed, composed of American and English millionaires, and it is true that they have foreclosed the mortgages on thousands of Kansas farms, and, according to the Capital, are acquiring more. It is not true, however, that the farms they have taken, and are taking, belonged to speculators. It is not true that the Kansas boom inflated the value of farms and farm land to any great extent. It was the cities and towns that were boomed and inflated like balloons. The fact of the matter is, these farms were taken from Kansas farmers who have become involved and were unable to save their homes. This whole thing is a part of the plan inaugurated by the English capitalists to acquire a stronger foot-hold on American soil. It is a big money-making scheme besides. They have loaned money to our farmers at the rate of one-third the value (or less) of the farms, and have received a heavy rate of interest. They have foreclosed the mortgages, and are offering the farms for sale. In most instances they will sell to other persons on time, receiving probably one-half cash, and taking a mortgage on the land for the balance. They will receive a high rate of interest for a few years; the purchasers will be unable to pay out, and the mortgage company gets the land again, with the added improvements. And so it may continue, indefinitely, unless the government loans money direct to the people at a low rate of interest.

THE Union Signal, in speaking of the lady candidates nominated by the People's and the Prohibition conventions for state superintendent of public instruction in Kansas, says it is a pity the two parties could not have united on one candidate. We think so, too; and we think, also, that it is a pity that the two parties did not unite before any convention was held, and agree on one ticket. It is too late for that this year, but we feel confident that a union of all the reform forces will be brought about in time for the campaign in '92. They are all work-

ing for the amelioration of the human family. We are oppressed by the money power and the rum power, which, in many respects, are one. All the reform parties are fighting against the wrongs brought about by the oppressor—fighting to free the millions of slaves in this country. They will keep up the fight until they accomplish this result. They are not all united as yet, but the time will soon come when they will be united by the bond of brotherhood and one grand common purpose.

It is generally understood that it is unlawful to sell intoxicating liquors in the territories. Only a short time ago, the temperance people of the nation rejoiced over the news that the sale of liquor would not be tolerated in Oklahoma territory; but now what do we see? In Oklahoma City alone there are more than a hundred open saloons. These saloons pay a license of \$25 each, and the government gets the license money. A prominent Republican politician, in speaking of it the other day, previous to the recent territorial election, said: "The election is coming on, and we've got to let them run in order to insure the success of our party." Just think of it! The saintly (?) Benjamin Harrison—the good Deacon Harrison—allowing the laws of the nation to be openly violated in order that his political party might carry a little territory! Verily, Benjamin thinks more of his party than of his God or his country.

SOME of the g. o. p. papers continue to try to make it appear that the late Cleveland administration inaugurated the scheme of allowing pet banks to use millions of the people's money without the payment of a dollar of interest. Now, the fact is, the credit (or blame) of that scheme belongs to John Sherman, who inaugurated it. Cleveland's secretary did no better, and the Harrison administration is still doing no better. The g. o. p. editor who blames the Cleveland administration with the origin of the scheme is either a fool or a knave. The Garnett Ring-Paper's little editor claims that Cleveland is responsible; but he knows less about the affairs of this country than Le does about Scotch poetry.

SECRETARY NOBLE secretly, and in violation of law, recently gave to the Union Pacific railroad nearly fifty million acres of the people's land. It is now about time for some g. o. p. convention to "point with pride" to the "grand record" of the party,

OLD soldier, go to Garnett, Sept. 23, and hear Comrade C. A. Power on the subject of Pensions. Don't fail to hear him—it's to your interest.

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In response to the suggestion of an old soldier at the Grand Army gathering in Boston, the W. C. T. U. did a kindly and graceful act which they have been too modest to report, but which we learned from The Woman's Voice. At four places along the route of march were stands of lemonade supplied by the Massachusetts and the Boston W. C. T. U., bearing the placards, "Free to the G. A. R." Here, all day long the women stood preparing and dispensing cool lemonade freely to the veterans as they passed. In this work they were ably seconded by gentlemen. The fact that thirty-two boxes of lemons and three barrels of sugar were used in making the beverage so freely given away, gives some idea of the quantity dispensed. That it was thankfully received was evinced by the hearty "God bless you's" of the men, and the more formal acknowledgments of the officers. "Hurrah for the W. C. T. U." often rang out from the ranks. An officer high in rank handed the ladies a card on which he had written a high testimonial to the W. C. T. U., giving it the credit of being foremost in every good work. All agreed that much drunkenness was prevented by this generous provision of lemonade. At the stands was the picture of General Fisk; we doubt not that he, looking down on these serried ranks of his old comrades, rejoiced over what was being done for them by his comrades in the peaceful war for "God and home and native land."—The Union Signal.

EDITOR NEWS: The Plaindealer of August 29, says:

"Lucy Parsons' party is what they call the People's movement in politics. The party does take in such followers of Lucy as the Vincents, Wilkins and Cornings. If Lucy were a resident of Kansas, no doubt she would have a place on the state ticket of her party."

After a debate with myself whether it were worth the trouble to notice anything the R.-P. says, I concluded it right to defend truth, if by so doing I might help to lift her soiled banner from the feet of those who would trample her forever, in order to further their own selfish principles. It were better to be a follower of Lucy Parsons, since her greatest wrong consists in fidelity to her husband, whom she believed to be wrongfully sentenced to the fate he surely met, than C. A. Henrie, the man who committed the Coffeyville dynamite outrage, and who now occupies an office created expressly for him, with a salary of \$1,000 yearly, as a reward for service rendered.

But why follow anyone? Let every accountable being follow the admonition of his own conscience, and humanity will turn to truth and goodness as the plant turns to the sun.

It is a dark time for the g. o. p., and the dirt the R.-P. throws shows how strongly it feels it. Every day the g. o. p. is losing followers as the true state of affairs is being shown the people by just such men as Vincents and Wilkins. The light that has been hidden to so many by the dust the old party tricksters have been throwing in their eyes, is growing brighter and brighter, and the people already see that the golden rule can and must have a part in the political proceedings of a nation.

With many good wishes for THE NEWS, I am most respectfully,  
MAGGIE TOWNSEND.

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